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1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MBFR SUBGROUP ON DATA SUPPORT (BRANSON) TOLD US REP TO WG THAT ALL ALLIES HAVE NOW RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FOR DATA INPUTS TO AC/276(SGDS)-N/30, NATO FORCES COMPANION VOLUME TO MCM-86-74 (REF A). THE SGDS IS NOW READY TO PUBLISH THE N/30 PAPER IN FINAL, HOWEVER, A QUESTION HAS ARISEN CONCERNING THE US INPUTS ALREADY PROVIDED. REF B STATED THAT THE US HAS 1,388 MAIN BATTLE TANKS (.?5) ASSIGNED AS UNIT EQUIPMENT AND 1,372 MBTS ASSIGNED AS READINESS FLOAT AND WAR RESERVE OR PRE-POSITIONED FOR USE BY DUAL-BASED UNITS, FOR A TOTAL OF 2,760 MBTS. HOWEVER, TABLE III OF THE PAPER ON US VIEWS ON NEXT STEPS IN MBFR (REF C) STATES THAT THE US HAS ONLY 2,033 MBTS ON-HAND IN THE NGA AND
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THAT "APPROXIMATELY 700 ADDITIONAL TANKS ARE AUTHORIZED, BUT NOT CURRENTLY IN AREA."

2. THE SGDS CHAIRMAN IS AWARE THAT THE US USUALLY REPORTS

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ONLY ITS PEACETIME AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FIGURE TO THE NATO DATA BASE. HE FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT A SHORTAGE OF THE MAGNITURE OF ABOUT 700 MBTS BETWEEN ON-HAND AND AUTHORIZED STOCKAGE LEVELS SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE N/30 PAPER. HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THE THE US SHORTAGE IS IN MBTS ASSIGNED AS READINESS FLOAT, WAR RESERVE OR PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS TO BE USED BY DUAL-BASED UNITS. HE HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE DISCREPANY IN MBTS AUTHORIZED/ON-HAND (I.E., 727 MBTS) BY SHORTAGES APPLIED TO THE THREE CATEGORIES OF READINESS FLOAT, WAR RESERVE AND PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS.

3. THIS SHORTFALL IN MBTS PROVOKED SIMILAR CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE SGDS CHAIRMAN THAT THE AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF OTHER TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, E.G., SSM LAUNCHERS, ARTILLERY, AND HELICOPTERS AS REPORTED BY REF D. MAY ALSO CONTAIN HIDDEN SHORTFALLS. THEREFORE, HE ALSO REQUESTED US FIGURE ON ACTUAL STOCKS ON-HAND FOR THESE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR USE IN RESPONDING TO ABOVE QUESTIONS BY SGDS CHAIRMAN.
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